

January 2, 1950.

Dear Charlene:

I wish you a very happy and holy New Year, a year blessed with many graces from God for your soul and also for the health of your body. I hope that your health is improved; but when the pains bother you, offer them for the poor souls in Purgatory. Unite them ~~to~~ Christ's sufferings on the Cross, especially to the sufferings of His Head crowned with thorns. He suffered for us so much, and when your sufferings are keener, then tell Our Lord that you are glad to suffer something for Him too.

Mrs. Donaldson sent me your \$10.00 to say ten Holy Masses for the Poor Souls, and I took immediate care of them. I hope that these holy souls in Purgatory whom you are helping in Holy Masses, will be continually interceding for you before the throne of God.

Thanking you for your great generosity,

Sincerely and gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Rev. Aloysius Eliacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Charlene Triar,
2419 Park Oak Dr.,
Hollywood 23, Calif.

January 2, 1950.

My dear friend Mort:

This is to wish you a very happy New Year, blessed by the Almighty God with many blessings for you, for your family and your business.

I deeply appreciated your thoughtfulness during Christmas in sending me a superb billfold.

May I tell you frankly, my dear friend Mort, that I have been praying for your salvation for three years and that I will continue up to the very end. Also, I am in great hopes that you sooner or later will give the proper attention to this vital point, your eternal future. You see, I left everything in Europe to come to this New World to seek the salvation of immortal souls, and yours is one that I must save.

I sent you a Christmas card, addressing it by mistake to Sotel St. instead of to Santee St., and it was returned. I am awfully sorry for my mistake.

Always your true and close friend,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. Mortimer Branch,
c/o Hickok,
819 Santee St., 402 Maxfield Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

January 2, 1950.

Dear Miss Thompson:

I was very happy to hear from you. I am now at the address shown in the letterhead above.

Thank you for your kind donation. I hope that this year will be a holy year for you. Be sure that I pray for your intentions. I ask you not to forget us in your prayers, and not to forget to continue sanctifying yourself.

Our Blessed Founder, St. Anthony Claret, is going to be canonized this ~~year~~ ~~month~~.

Wishing you every blessing.

Sincerely and gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Rev. Aloysius Wilacuria, C.M.F.

Miss M. E. Thompson,
130 W. Kingsbridge Rd.,
Veterans Hospital,
Bronx 63, N.Y. (N.H.)

January 7, 1950,

Dear Sister Marie Therese:

I was very happy to receive your letter. While I give you my deepest sympathy for the passing of your mother to her eternal reward, I congratulate you very much for counting on her now as a powerful intercessor in heaven on behalf of her family. How wonderful about the conversion of your father and the return of your brother to the sacraments right after the death of your dear mother! She certainly must be very close to God in having obtained these favors, and at once, for her dear ones on earth. Be sure that in all my prayers I will thank God for His great mercy and goodness toward your family. This is also a reward for your fidelity to your vocation.

Continue fostering your spiritual life along the lines of the Little Flower. Read the life of the Little Flower and the books which are commentaries on her Little Way.

The favors bestowed by God on your family must be a new source of confidence and love towards God.

Remember me to the other sisters, especially to your Mother Superior. I am glad that Sister Jane Chantal is doing so well and that she remembers me in her prayers.

May God give you a year thrice holy.
Commending myself to your prayers,

Sincerely, in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Wilgusis, C.M.F.

January 7, 1950.

Dear Miss Kenney:

I was happy to receive your kind greeting and we are grateful for your Christmas donation.

Be sure that I do pray for you. Sometime when Mrs. Kramer comes here and is able to bring you, I will be happy to bless you.

I wish you a holy and happy 1950, and ask that you not forget me in your prayers.

Gratefully in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Miss Anne Kenney,
1903 So. Harvard,
Los Angeles 7, Calif.

1821 Albion St
Los Angeles 31, Calif
Jan. 10, 1950

Dear Mother

I am a friend
of Mrs. Ted Flocca
and after hearing
about you through
her I thought of
writing you for
spiritual help. My
difficulty is
concern of becoming
a daily communicant.

I rather to begin
I am very devoted
to the Holy Face of
Jesus and the
Most Blessed Virgin.
I go to Mass daily
but my long
desire is receiving

Our Lord while at
Mass, but I feel
as if something is
pushing me back
from the rail.
I know, I am highly
tempted, full of
scrupulous doubts
horrible evil thoughts
run in and out
of my mind and
yet all through
this affliction I
try and try to
preserve in the
war against Satan
by doing all my
best to keep pure
and holy for
the love of Jesus
and Mary. For
instance, ~~this~~ for

four mornings I have
 been going to Communion
 with full confidence
 in Our Lord, when
 all of sudden, last
 night, out of 'no
 where, I was afflicted
 with a horrible
 thought in doubt
 hindering me this
 morning to approach
 the table of the
 living God for
 fear that I might be
 in ^a sinful state
 making this Communion
 bad. The same
 thing goes on now
 and then. When

I wake in the
mornings times I
think the sin of
impurity has been
committed while
a sleep; or waking
in such a state
also hinders ~~to~~ me
to the rail. I always
feel there is a guilt
within me. What
shall I do? I don't
want to be a scruple
or erroneous only
want to receive my
Lord and my God
without difficulty.
It is heart breaking
when attending Mass
and just when
communion time
comes that fear

approaches. Sometimes it makes me want to pick up and leave.

There is a lady I know, who goes to evening services with me every night has been receiving Our Lord daily for approximately eight years never missed a single day. Would I like to know her solution.

Even with this great tribulation I have another

trouble that is
locating employment.
I have the hardest
time. It seems
that God has
shut the doors
of Heaven upon
me. Loitering around
doing nothing is
awful. Especially
when you pray
very hard and
fighting the
spiritual war
with it. If it
would be possible
with you, could
you give me
some sound
advice. I would
~~so~~ like very much
to have a private

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conversation with
you concerning this
matter sometime
this week or the
following. Write and
let me know when
arrangements can
be made to see
you during the
spare moments you
have.

May God & the
Blessed Virgin bless
you always through
out your days in
the Priesthood

P.S.
Please
Pray for
me

Yours in Christ
Nicholas LaBianca



J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,
NOTRE DAME,
INDIANA.

January 12th 1950

Rev Aloysius Callacuria C.M.F.

Rev Dear Father

I appreciate Your good letter Your advice is always a big help to me. I will keep in my prayers that good Seminarian that the Immaculate Heart of Mary will bestow special graces on him to save many souls, that is Her plea of late.

I will begin to make novenas to Your Saintly Founder, and add all Your intentions, as well as Your dear Brother, tell Father Joseph Mary not to worry about temptations always offer the act he is about to perform to Jesus, through Mary, thus as soon as he is finished that act, be it confessions, preaching or instructing, or praying, as soon as finished, say thank You Jesus, then have no worries for he has given it to God then Satan can't rob him of his merit, as Our Lord had already received it, did You ever read the life of St. John Vianney the Curé of Ars. how much he suffered, from temptations he made a Vow to Our Blessed Lady to say the Regina Coeli, and a prayer in honor of Her Immaculate Conception every day and he states he ~~was never~~ Thus he added I was never tempted. I was set free, tell him I will say three memoraries to Our Blessed Mother for him every day for that intention.

I had a little letter from Alberta at Christmas, saying she was improving ~~that~~ she would write later.

I hope Your new religious Foundation, will be a grand success I keep it in my prayers, it would be wonderful if she would fit into its foundation, then too it would be in her own climate when You write again tell me more about it, and its name is the holy soul, or mystic You told me about that hied in Long Beach, that the Little Theresa used to visit every day I made the novena of 24 Glorias in honor of St. Theresa for 24 days I did not get what I asked, nor a rose petal, You see I'm not good enough. I wish You could get to Rome for the Canonization and from there see Your Brother, and Your loved ones at home it would be of much help to both of You.

I'm inclosing two Holy mass offerings, One for Mr & Mrs Hugh Miller for their spiritual needs, in honor of the Sacred Heart to repair the outrages offered to Him in Europe, add Billy Sutton also as she did not specify any. One for Dorothy moorse, who is not a Catholic, this girl worked with me in Boise, ask for the light of Faith, for her she is inclined toward Cath. religion, also remember Brother Verona, he needs prayers.

I will keep all Your intentions in all my prayers

Thanking You for all Your Blessings & prayers for me

I'm very grateful I will do as You suggested to talk to Jesus & Mary & St. Joseph, all day long. God & Mary love and keep You.

Devotedly Yours in Holy Cross
Sister M. Mildrida.

OUR LADY ACADEMY

MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

January 15th 1950

Reverend Father Aloysius

Rev. and Dear Father,

Nearly every year since my father's death I have asked you to say a Mass for him. This year, may I ask you to say it for my special intentions, more generally.

Father, my brother has been missing since September 7th. He was living with my mother, and, everything was running smoothly both at home and work. He seemed perfectly normal in every way except for terrific head-aches a few weeks before his disappearance. Every one, police included, think that he is a victim of amnesia, caused from a bad head-injury received just a year before. The police are still on the look-out for him. Whether he is dead or alive, no one knows. He is 35.

We feel that he is still alive. But I do want him to be prepared to meet God when he does go, Father. That is my reason for telling you about him. You will say a prayer for him, won't you Father, and, that my mother will come closer to God in her loneliness and bewilderment?

I think of you often Father, and hope that you are in good health.

Isn't it wonderful that your saintly and beloved Founder is nearing his Canonization? Think you were going to Rome for it, as, are you?

Inclosed is the small sum as a Mass stipend, I wish it were more, but, both God and you understand my poverty.

Wishing you the Holiest Year ever lived by you.

I am ever

Your child in the
Sacred Heart.

Sister Mary Lucia

P.S.

My father's name was George Francis, my brother is "Bob".

J. M. J.

Our Lady Acad.

Mantero, Ill.

Jan - 15 - 1950.

Reverend Father Aloysius,

Dear Rev. Father:

It has been a long time since you heard from me but this time I have an announcement to make to you - the death of my only beloved brother who passed away on Jan. 2nd. He had a very bad heart attack which they termed Complete heart block. He was sick only two days. He made a beautiful death as he was conscious to the end and as he was able to make his sacrifice and also followed all the prayers while the Priest anointed him.

I am sending you Mass stipends for the repose of his dear soul.

This year Holy year will be a great one for the Christian Fathers as the canonization of your great

Founder will take place.

There was a very interesting write
up about him in the Register.

We are all hoping and praying
that our dear old friend Father
Chrysins may be one of the
privileged ones to go to Rome.

We were told recently that our
Very Reverend Mother General
would take a trip to Rome
this year for the Holy year.
We are all very happy over the
great news but now we are
wondering who will be her
companion.

Now a little news about my-
self that might interest you
as I am sure that you still
pray for your old penitent.

Oh dear Father I have found
a Spiritual Director - Rev. E. J.
Suyvenant C. S. V.

He was the one that preached

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January 18, 1950.

Dear Sister Mildrida:

I received your fine letter and your Mass intentions.

In this letter I am asking you to continue praying for my ten novices. Here are their names: Donald Gaughish, Lawrence, Hope, Donald Howard, Thomas Brummel, John Sebehar, Robert Baron, Wayne Barron, Arnold Gonzalez, Richard Harrigan, and Bill Sutton. Please also remember the two brother postulants, Vern Metro and Alvin Henry. And for me, ask during this year that I love the Blessed Mother the way every Claretian should love her. The characteristic note and basic part of the spiritual life of ~~San~~ Congregation--Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary--is our filiation or sonship of the Immaculate Heart. It is to consider the Blessed Mother as far as possible the way Christ considered her and regarded her and loved her and the way, afterwards, St. John the Evangelist imitated Jesus in his dealings with the Blessed Mother.

This year, on May 7th, Blessed Anthony Mary Claret, our Founder, will be canonized. I hope to be in Rome for the occasion if everything goes well, and I will remember you there.

Pray for me. I hope to pass by Spain and there see my mother, who is seventy-six years old. I believe that her prayers to see me before her death have been answered.

The one who is going to begin the new religious foundation is not the little Theresa that used to be in Long Beach. I think she is somewhere in San Francisco. I don't hear from her any more, though I pray for her and I will continue doing so. So pray for this new

foundation that the Divine Will be done in every detail. It is going to turn out in the end a convent of Poor Clares. Now they are just preparing it, so this way it is a new foundation, though in reality it isn't. The name of the main one is May Walsh. Pray for her and I will tell her to pray for you too.

I am praying for all your intentions. Billy Sutton feels very thankful to you for your prayers. May this Holy Year be the very holiest for you in your entire life.

Most gratefully in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary.

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Mildred,
St. Mary's Convent,
Holy Cross, Indiana.

January 18, 1950.

Dear Mrs. McKean:

I was glad to hear from you, and we are grateful for the Mass stipends.

I am praying for your intentions, especially for Jane and her husband and for Father Louis. Tell Father Louis not to feel bad that his present request to enter the monastery is not answered yet. In this way he will have longer practice in the parochial work, and his accustoming himself to the sacrifices will make him a better monk later. Tell him to go cheerfully and most earnestly in doing his best for God, for this will be his best preparation. God wants some more work from him in his active life as a parish priest. God loves him very much, for Our Lord gives him always as his portion, His Cross.

I also pray that the condition of your hands will improve.

The ten Holy Masses have received my prompt attention. Pray also for me. I am thankful for your past prayers.

Sincerely and gratefully in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Wilacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Alphonsine McKean,
1611 Glendon Ave.,
Los Angeles 24, Calif.

January 18, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Aquina:

May you have a very happy Holy Year of 1950. May I request you to pray very especially during this year that my love for the Blessed Mother becomes up to par the way it should be in a Claretian priest. You know our title is "Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." Our characteristic note and basic part of our spiritual life is our filiation or sonship of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is to consider the Blessed Mother as far as possible the way Christ considered her and regarded her and loved her and the way afterwards St. John the Evangelist imitated Jesus in his dealings with the Blessed Mother.

This year is the year of our Centennial. It is a hundred years since our Congregation was founded. Also in this year, on May 7th, our Blessed Founder, Anthony Mary Claret, is going to be canonized. I hope to be in Rome for the occasion if everything goes well, and I will remember you there.

My endeavor during this year is to increase my love for the Blessed Mother and to be every day a better Son of her Immaculate Heart. Ask for this special thing for me and for my brother, Joseph Mary. Pray very much for my novices. They are ten in number. Here are their names: Donald Gangish, Lawrence Hoge, Donald Howard, Thomas Brummel, John Sebehar, Robert Baron, Wayne Barron, Arnold Gonzalez, Richard Harrigan, and Bill Sutton. And I have two brother postulants, Vern Metro and Alvin Henry. Pray very much for every one of them, so that they will prepare themselves well for their profession which, for the novices, will take place on July 16th.

Give my best regards to our mutual friend, Mrs. Gerald Biney. Reassure her of my prayers for her

needs and intentions.

I like very much the prayer that you have written which you included in your card. Your simplicity and love for Our Lord must be very pleasing to Him.

Sincerely and gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Aquina, O.S.U.,
Mt. St. Joseph Convent,
Maple Mount, Ky.

become more humble and mild.
At the closing of the Retreat I
had a lovely visit with Sister
Imelda who had many lovely
and interesting things to tell me
about her trip. I had a little
feeling of envy for being so fortunate
as to visit with you.

I must not take any
more of your precious time -
Begging you to give me
your Blessing and assuring
you of my daily Moments in
your behalf.

Your grateful child
Sister Margaret Mary.

Mother St. Eugene wishes to be remembered to
you in a very special way.

We are very happy that she is back
at O. L. A. for another term. Pray for her
that her health may improve.

saw two animal Retreats. He was
very much in favor that the
States should choose a S. Director so

I made up my mind that I
would work with him. You
still must recall my pet faulness
"Bad temper & impatience."

I was very frank & sincere with
him so this is the way that he
wants me to work at it.

Ask our Dear Lord through the
ejaculation "Jesus Sweet and
Humble of Heart Make my heart
like unto Thine. I average between
50, 100 & sometimes 150 a day.

Also I say the ejaculation with
my music flaps.

So far it has helped me very
much and my faulness have
been much less so will you
kindly join me Father that
I may one day before I die



The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
cordially invite you to be present
at the
Ceremony of Religious Reception and Profession

Thursday morning, January twenty fifth
at nine thirty o'clock
Holy Family Chapel

Beaverville, Illinois

R. S. V. P.

Sister Jeanne de Chantal

January 28, 1950.

Dear Sister Ann Raymond:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter and the generous donation that you sent to me on January 15th. Also many thanks for the lovely roses that you sent for our Novitiate on New Years Eve. They adorned the statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on New Years. It was most meaningful to me, because my resolution during this year is to be as far as I can up to par in my filial love for the Blessed Mother, to imitate as much as possible St. John the Evangelist in his dealings and in his affection for the Blessed Mother.

Reverend Father Superior has allowed me to give you the conference before Lent. You may write or telephone to him once we begin Lent, to ask whether I could go there on the 25th of March to give you the conference for the renewal of your vows.

I am extremely happy in being able to be of some spiritual help to you. There are great possibilities and probabilities in you to become a real saint. I have you and all your intentions very much in mind in my prayers, especially at the Holy Mass.

May the Holy Spirit with the Immaculate Heart of Mary have a thorough freedom of action in the kingdom of your soul.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Ann Raymond,
St. John's Hospital,
Santa Monica, Calif.

January 29, 1950.

My dear friends:

I was happy to hear from you, and please accept our thanks for your kind donation.

Be sure I pray for your intentions, and am keeping in mind particularly the health of all of you.

May God bless you all abundantly with His graces during this Holy Year.

Gratefully in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, O.M.F.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Towers
and family,
864 W. Truro Ave.,
Hawthorne, Calif.

January 29, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Lucia:

Your letter of January 15th and the stipends for Holy Mass for your intentions gratefully received.

I am praying very much for your brother and as much for your bewildered mother. It is a most keen trial for you all. But believe that Our Lord gives His actual graces to cope with the trials that He sends us or permits for us. I will pray especially that the trials--as you say so well in your letter--help Mother and you to come closer to God. Now our main concern is the soul of your brother--as you state in your letter--that he be prepared to meet God when he does go. Rest assured of my most fervent prayer for this intention. May the heart-piercing affliction increase in you the spirit of abandonment into the Hands of God and the realization that God is our Father and that He does love us. Do keep on pleading with Him to have mercy on your dear brother. When and if you hear anything definite, let me know. You wish that I get to Rome most probably will be a fact, in order to attend the canonization of our Holy Founder. It will be my privilege to remember you and your beloved community in Rome, Lourdes and Fatima.

Begging the continuance of your prayers for me and requesting you to give my best regards to everyone of the sisters of Our Lady Academy, especially to Mother St. Eugene.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Lucia,
Our Lady Academy,
Manteno, Illinois.

January 29, 1950.

My dear John:

Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness and ever faithful generosity towards me. May Our Lord and the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother and your dear patron, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, bless you with a very successful Holy Year of 1950.

I was very happy to hear from you and to know your exact address. I am sending to you parcel post a crucifix with a reliquary of Bl. Anthony Mary Claret, who is going to be canonized on May 7th of this year. I hope to be in Rome for the occasion. Enclosed you will find a paper explaining to you the privileges of the crucifix I am sending you.

In regard to the news, I have not heard for a long time from Therese Brulle. Marie Roth is already married in San Diego.

Do continue, my dear John, applying to your own self the teachings of the Little Flower, practicing them in your own state, applying them to your own present circumstances. Go as often as you can to the Sacraments and read spiritual books as much as you can. Be very devoted to the Holy Rosary; also, at least during Lent, make the Way of the Cross, if possible, every day. Our spiritual life is the only reality. Everything else is just nothing. Needless to say, we both should continue praying for each other, and my prayer for you is that you will become a saint right where you are, fulfilling the Will of God perfectly.

Extend my best regards to your dear mother and sister. I hope that they are well. You have been very devoted to both of them, sacrificing your own conveniences and even your own future for their sake. Very

few act like this.

At present I am Master of Novices. My present address is as indicated on my letterhead--1119 Westchester Place, Los Angeles 6, Calif. I like the job and I am very happy in every way.

Hoping to hear soon from you.

Ever your true and grateful friend,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Capt. John T. McHugh,
4925½ Quincy St., Apt. 25,
Chicago 44, Illinois.

January 29, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Chycinski:

I received your letter of January 17th and I am praying very much for all your intentions, above all, at present, for your health. I hope that the operation you are undergoing or have undergone already, turns out to be very successful. I thank you very much for letting me know in order to pray for this intention.

I always have been very close to the Chycinski family ever since my first visit to you when I met Norbert in St. Patrick's School.

In regard to Norbert, two missionaries from China who have come here through the Philippine Islands have told us that Father Norbert is very happy in the Philippines and is most popular with the boys and has great success with the boys on account of his great knack at sports. They were telling us that Father Norbert was the whole team, especially at basket ball, and that they are very pleased with his wonderful work on behalf of youth. While Father Norbert is taking care of the boys, Father Briskey is taking care of the girls. And so both of them complete each other in their great work of bringing the youth of Santa Barbara parish to church and to the sacraments and educating them in the truth of Catholic Faith.

Though it is true that Father Norbert is a long way from home, when you see the apostolic work he is doing, you really can be, dear Mrs. Chycinski, very happy and very proud that you have a real missionary son doing God's work in the fields afar where zealous young priests just like Father Norbert are so much needed.

Your dear husband is a man of very deep faith and piety. Tell him that both of you will be greatly rewarded for the great sacrifice you are making in having a boy missionary so far away in order that he may carry the truths of our Catholic Faith to those poor natives of the Philippines.

Our Fathers tell us they are well provided and, though they don't have many of the conveniences of the States, as time goes on they are better taken care of.

They don't publish any more the Claretian Star magazine in Dominguez, but you may write to Dominguez to Mr. John B. Todd, C.M.F., who is of Polish descent and is in charge of providing things for our missionaries in the Philippines. He receives much news from there.

January 29, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Howard:

First of all, may I congratulate you for the happy and holy death of your dear mother and for the return to the Sacraments of your father. How good and merciful God is with us! I believe you miss your mother very much, but at the same time I rejoice with you in your deep happiness because her death has been instrumental in bringing your Daddy back to the Sacraments. We will pray now that your father remains faithful up to the end; and he will, because your dear mother will be interceding for him.

Now, going to your letter, first of all, in regard to your confession, follow this procedure: Detest always every fault with all your heart and soul. Do try to keep your soul as clean as you can. Avoid also carefully any gossip, definitely. Be very careful in not gossiping at all. If you are careful in this matter it will be a source of great peace for your soul. Go at least once a week to confession, and do not worry whether you feel sorrow or not. It is not the feeling but the willing. You will in the depths of your soul to be sorry for all the wrong that you have done, and you truthfully can say that you are sorry, even if afterwards by your frailty you commit some of those faults that you have confessed.

I tell you to take great heed in matters of charity, because many pious women with their daily Communion and all never seem to understand how important it is to be perfectly charitable to others, in protecting their reputation. I congratulate you and your dear husband for not signing the statement about nine months ago against that poor old lady whom your neighbors managed to place in a mental institution.

In regard to your irritability, most of it is because you don't have the proper relaxation. When your husband is free from work, take your little outings with him and the two children to the park, or to the mountains or ocean, etc. If your husband's wages are good enough to support the family, it would be better for you to stay home and rear your children well. This way you can rest when you are tired; because the way you feel is on account of an excessive strain. Protect yourself with constant prayer also against this irritability and realize more every day that all of us have our crosses to carry and we must carry them peacefully and joyfully,

Give my best regards to your dear husband and your sons, and I reassure you of my constant remembrance of all of you in my prayers. May God give you great courage to bear up with your trials for His love and for the benefit of the souls commended to the care of the apostolic ministry of Father Norbert.

Ever your friend in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.

Mrs. Steve Chycinski,
1011 S. Sixth St.,
Milwaukee 4, Wisc.

January 29, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Loyola:

The Holy Mass you ordered to be said for Sister Mary Raymond as a gift for her feast, received my prompt attention.

We are going to begin our mid-year retreat tonight and I request your prayers for all of us, particularly for our novices, so they may profit greatly during this retreat and may realize a little better the importance and the benefits of the retreat by following well the method that your patron saint, St. Ignatius of Loyola, pointed out.

My deepest thanks, and accept my reassurance of my accustomed prayer for you and yours.

Gratefully in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Loyola, I.H.M.,
Immaculate Heart College,
Los Feliz and West Avenue,
Los Angeles 27, Calif.

January 7, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Loyola:

Your greetings for Christmas together with the stipends for six Holy Masses received and given prompt attention.

This Holy Year no doubt is going to be a great source of graces for furthering your sanctification. You have cultivated throughout your life your mind and your will through much study and practice of virtue, and you are now more keenly aware than ever of your complete self-giving to God in the perfect fulfilment of your duties, with your mind and ambitions in an ever-increasing possession of God. My poor prayers will be yours in your endeavors to attain fully your ideals.

May this Holy Year be thrice holy for you and for your dear ones.

Remember me to Sister Mary Raymond, and I wish and pray the same thing for her as for you.

Gratefully to the immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

January 29, 1950.

Dear Sister Margaret Mary:

Your letter of January 15th together with the Mass stipends, ~~graciously~~ received.

First of all, while I give you my deepest sympathy for the passing of your beloved brother to his eternal reward, I rejoice with you for his holy death. Be sure that I will be thanking Our Lord for this supreme gift to your dear brother. The five Holy Masses for him received my prompt attention.

Yes, this year is a most happy year for the Claretian Fathers, because it is our Centennial Year and the year of the canonization of our Blessed Father Founder. He will be canonized on May 7th.

I am very thankful for your good wishes and prayers for me, that I go to Rome for the occasion; and it seems that in all probabilities I am going. It will be my great happiness to pray for all the souls that are, have been, or will be connected with me when I shall be in Rome, Lourdes and Fatima. All of your dear community have a permanent place in all my prayers.

In regard to yourself, dear Sister Margaret Mary, Our Lord permits for our own humility some ugliness of character in us, and it is very providential for souls in your case. Besides the good recommendations of your spiritual director for your meekness and patience, may I give you a few pointers? First, try to have the deepest peace of mind and soul on all occasions. Second, since you are a Servant of the Holy Heart of Mary, ask her at all times to robe you with her very own mildness, sweetness and kindness. Do study the ways of the Blessed Mother. Ask on every occasion how the Blessed Mother would act her and now were she in my place. Beg her to be with you, and have with her the dealings of a fond little girl with her mother. Third, be always calm and relaxed, always smiling, never allowing one word louder than the other, never allowing the least uncharitable word, look, or intention against anyone. Fourth, pray to the Blessed Mother to assist you then and there, especially in those places and circumstances where you fail more. Fifth, when some of the children you teach are rather unruly, just stop your work somewhat and let the child know that you are hurt, while you don't give any vent to impatience.

Give my best regards to Mother St. Eugene and re-assure her that I am praying most earnestly for her and her intentions and her beloved community at O. L. A. in my dear Manteno.

Wishing you great progress in holiness during this year, I am

Gratefully in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Margaret Mary,
Our Lady Academy,
Manteno, Illinois.

Palacios de Campos.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Valladolid.

¡Viva el Corazón de María!

R. P. Juan Luis de Villacuría. LOS ANGELES.

Te escribo desde tierras de Valladolid, a donde he venido a misionar, porque me han llamado, aprovechando la holgura de estos días de Enero, en que estaré libre de otros ministerios.

Te prometí escribirte y no lo hice para Navidad, porque esperaba comunicarte noticias, que, al no confirmarse, no te las puedo notificar. Te todos modos, aunque tarde, te deseo que este Año Santo sea para tí de verdadera comunicación de los dones del Espíritu Santo, cumpliéndose en tí que, si se traduce en Año Santo, cual ninguno de tu vida hasta el presente.

Saboreé en Iriside Paz tu flamante fotografía, acompañado de tus novicios. Estás muy bien. Ya había visto esta foto y otras en la revista de San Judas que viene a Pamplona. En esa fotografía del parque te pareces muchísimo a mí; ya me aseguraban los mejicanos que, mirados de perfil, somos exactamente idénticos. Tan es así que han venido muchas personas a preguntarme dónde había sacado esa foto y qué compañeros eran aquellos y cuando les digo que no soy yo, sino un hermano mío, he habido quien me ha preguntado a ver si somos gemelos. Con que ya ves, que, por lo menos en lo físico, ya nos parecemos. Ahora hace falta que yo me parezca a tí en lo moral...

Ya escribí al M. R. P. Alberto Goñi y él me ha contestado muy amablemente, comunicándome que aprovechará la primera ocasión, para remitirme la máquina, que NO PAGARA AUANAS, porque ya está usada. Una máquina usada, nunca paga aduanas, aun ue no sea más que ligeramente usada.

En cuanto a las máquinas de cine, detenidas en Nueva York, se me presenta una ocasión de pasarlas. Un joven, que viaja en el Magallanes, llamado VITORINO URRUTIA, de San Sebastián, se compromete a traerlas. Hasta este año 50 reparaban el buque en los diques Euscalduna de Bilbao y era la mejor ocasión; pero ahora, ya hay quien la pueda dejar pasar en La Coruña. Perdona que te vuelva a molestar sobre este yarenojoso asunto; hazlo por amor a las almas. La conducta a seguir es: 1.- Facilitar una tarjeta al referido joven, para que pueda recoger las máquinas. 2.- Sacárselas al Magallanes, para lo cual podría servirse de algún individuo que se encuentre en Nueva York. 3.- Lo mejor de todo, si es que tienes la gran fortuna de venir a la Canonización de nuestro B.P. Claret, sería traerlas personalmente, dado caso que viniérais en BARCO, en cuyo caso podríais traer, al mismo tiempo, altavoces, radios y bolsillo, etc, que venderíais muy ventajosamente a los individuos de la propia Congregación. Para todo esto, estoy esperando a la división de Provincia, que suponemos se hará en Abril, si se hace pronto. No sé si llegaré a tiempo para dar pabulo a algunos proyectos... Dios dirá.

La familia sigue bien. La Madre algo delicada y soñando con su querido Juan Luis. ¡qué ilusión tiene por verte...! ¿No querrá el Señor que Madre y hermanos tengamos esa dicha? Según lo que me escribas, he de escribir al Rmº. P. General, para poder celebrar misas a intención de ahí...
...ti en lo moral...

Se corre por aquí que dividís la Provincia de Estados Unidos. ¿Es cierto? También yo tengo ciertas esperanzas de ir a Roma; pero, por ahora no hay más que proyectos. Sabes que no te olvida tu hermano.

José María Lacort

Minute of the Heart of Mary Guild meeting Feb.1.1950

The meeting was called to order by our President and opened with a prayer to the Holy Ghost and recitation of the Rosary for our many intentions.

Our secretary Maria Roth read the minutes of our previous meeting which included Father Aloysius' initial talk of the Holy Year 1950. She also read the formal announcement of the Cannonization of Blessed Anthony Mary Claret and a letter from the Holy Father addressed to the Rev. Father General of the Claretian Congregation on their Centenary Celebration .

Our treasurer Mary Fisher reportet that around \$ 150.00 have been sent to Father Al. as donations for the Religious Crucifixes. 20.00 were spent for the cleaning of drapes for Fathers Novitiate. About \$ 8.30 were deposited through the little blue bag after ~~the~~ last meeting leaving around \$ 79.00 in the bank.

At this time Mrs. Flocca asked how many Crucifixes were distributed for the usual donation of \$ 5.00 and how many were still outstanding ?

Mrs. Flocca announced that one of the members suggested that perhaps on the evenings when Father is not with us, a group of ladies could go to the Plaza for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament as a special act of Reparation during the Holy year for the Holy Fathers intentions....The question is still open for discussion.

For our reading Mrs. Flocca selected the subject of Pride and Humility from the book: " This tremendous Lover" . This was followed by an interesting discussion by some of the members.

It was decided by a majority vote to create a little "Sunshine fund" apart from our regular account that would provide the money for masses at the death of members of our families, or in case of serious illness of one of our members. etc.

Since we celebrate our second anniversary at the next meeting it was decided to serve refreshments in honor of this pleasant occasion.

Humbly submitted

Maria Roth sec.

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February 3, 1950.

Dear Paul:

I just received your letter this morning and was very happy to hear from you.

I must be rather brief because my work does not allow me any more time to answer your interesting letter.

First of all, I will be delighted to help you in your spiritual life. It will be a great privilege for me to prepare you for your entrance into the Carthusians just as it has been my privilege to prepare Father Spillane to enter the Trappists. He just entered yesterday on the Feast of the Purification in Huntsville.

Before he left he came here to see me for the last time and I brought him over to the Novitiate to speak to the novices and to give his blessing to them. We recited three Hail Mary's to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the success of this young priest whom God gave me as spiritual son to prepare for his entrance into that contemplative life that is going to lead him to the summits of perfection.

Now the Blessed Mother, the same day that Father Spillane entered the Trappists, brings you to me to prepare you to accomplish the ideals that you have been cherishing for so long; that is, to enter the most austere contemplative life there is.

Dear Paul, getting down to brass tacks, we must not lose time in placing you where you belong. It is a golden opportunity that God and the Blessed Mother so providentially presents you. The 20th of April the Claretian Pilgrimage will be Chicago-bound. We will be in Chicago on the 23rd. On April 25th we will be in New York sailing directly to Naples, and from there to Rome. We will stay five days in Rome, where we will attend the canonization of Bl. Anthony Mary Claret, our dear Founder, and will visit the basilicas of Rome to obtain the indulgences of the Holy Year. From there the pilgrimage will go to Florence, from Florence to Lourdes, and from Lourdes to Spain, where the pilgrimage will stay thirteen days. During those thirteen days, Fatima, Portugal, will be visited by the pilgrims. During this visit--as I told you and you mentioned in your letter--we can arrange that you be with the Carthusians of Miraflores in Burgos. There you can make your decision.

So arrange things in such a way as to be ready for this pilgrimage. During the pilgrimage we can talk much about spiritual matters and I will enjoy much conversing with you.

Pray very much in the meanwhile that God's Will be done in you. Pray also that we may find a suitable place for our Novitiate and means to finance it and build it.

Remember that your ideals are by far too high to admit any delays. You are not too old yet; but if you wait any longer you may be too old, and difficulties would increase for taking up your ecclesiastical studies in order to be ordained and be another Christ, alter Christus, a Priest of God forever.

Write to me often, dear Paul; but now let us have this settled: you are going with me to Rome, to Lourdes and Fatima, and to visit and get acquainted with the Carthusians of Burgos.

Requesting your prayers on my behalf in order that the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary may guide you through me,

Most paternally yours in the Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. Paul Wilhelm,
1000 Palms Oasis Ranch,
Thousand Palms, Calif.

February 4, 1950.

Mi carísimo Josechu:

Que el Corazon de Maria te conceda un ano verdaderamente santo haciendote durante el una perfecta copia de nuestro Beato Padre Fundador. He recibido tu tres cartas. La primera fechada a 11 de Diciembre, la segunda el 12 de Enero, escrita desde Palacios de San Juan, la tercera a 27 de Enero, que recibí ayer.

Me das la noticia tristisima que nuestra madre esta gravisima. Estamos en las manos de Dios Que todo dispone para nuestro bien cuando nos consuela lo mismo que cuando nos afflige. Hagase su santisima voluntad. Esto rogando y he pedido tambien oraciones para que si Dios quiere dure la vida de nuestra querida madre hasta Mayo, cuando pienso veros despues de 21 anos de ausencia. Pero si nuestra madre ha entregado ya su hermosa alma a Dios bendigamos los designios de Dios, Que tanto nos ama. Escribo en este mismo correo a la familia uniendime a su llanto y a su resignacion en Dios. Si la voluntad de Dios es que al visitar la familia en Mayo nuestra madre vive ya con la vida verdadera e inmortal in terra viventium sea Dios glorificado por nuestro sacrificio.

Te vere en Mayo Josechu y seria mi mayor gusto saludarte en Roma y despues viajar juntos por Espana donde estaremos trece dias. Tengo sumo interes en visitar Lourdes y Fatima para acrecentar mi amor a nuestra Divina Madre. Mi gran proposito este ano es llegar a ser verdadero Claretano en mi amor a nuestra Divina Madre.

En cuanto a las maquinas de cine y el equipo de altavoces yanquis; o sea: un amplificador y cuatro altavoces (de tipo gigante) debes procurar dos cosas a todo trance primera enviar el dinero o el coste por adelantado. Segunda, conseguir a la brevedad posible el permiso del Gobierno Espanol para importar tanto las maquinas de cine como el equipo de altavoces. Te dire el coste del equipo de altavoces en la siguiente carta. Sobre las maquinas de cine tu Ministro Provincial, P. Javier Preciado, tiene ya la factura. Querido Josechu, guardamos perfecta observancia de la santa pobreza en la Provincia y no resulta satisfactorio el que nos paguen ahi con Misas sino con dinero contante y sonante como decimos en Espanol y ademas por adelantado. Estas son las condiciones sine qua non vel sine quibus non. Si quieres que te traiga lo que arriba hemos dicho. Es el unico modo en que te puedo facilitar lo que pides para

que puedas disponer de estos medios modernos para la salvacion de las
almas.

Estoy muy bien en todo sentido y puedes ya decir a todos que
si no hay contraorden os vere en Mayo en Espana. Escribeme si la madre
esta ~~ya~~ ^{ya} en la tierra o goza ya de Dios. Fiat nunc et semper voluntas
Dei amantissima.

Tu hermano

Juan Luis, C.M.F.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

¡Viva el Corazón de María!

¡Vive la divina Providencia!

Pamplona, A. 6 de Febrero de 1950. Año Santo.

Querido Juan Luis: que te bendigan el Señor, el Corazón de María, el B.P. Fundador, los santos de tu devoción y los santos de la familia, que en comunión íntima de los Santos, intercedan por nosotros junto al acatamiento de Dios.

Sigues en tu mutismo, Juan Luis; alegarás tu poco tiempo; lo lamento; pero, ten en cuenta que tu hermano José M. no ha dispuesto en los meses pasados de Noviembre, Diciembre y Enero ni siquiera de 16 días completos en casa...; a pesar de todo, han ido varias cartas.

En la noche del 30 de Enero, momentos después de haber asistido a la santísima muerte de nuestra virtuosa Madre, y ya concluido el rosario y el responso por el eterno y pronto descanso de su alma, garabateé para tí la trágica noticia. A lápiz, porque no admiten tinta estos papeles de cebolla. Sin demora, porque debíamos entregar el cadáver a Yurre inmediatamente.

Resumiré las noticias del fallecimiento y sus preliminares.

Preliminares.— Nuestra Madre había anunciado que éste año Santo moriría ella y muy pronto. Así le anunció a familiares y amigos. Al sentirse aquejada de la enfermedad y aunque se levantaba y pasaba bastante normales los días, en ocupaciones domésticas, hizo que le llevarán el Santo Viático. Tenía tal clarividencia de su próxima muerte, que no quiso permitir su desplazamiento de Orúe a Bilbao, pretextando que ella quería morir en Orúe... Con cariños y halagos la pude convencer. La llevamos entre Francisco, Angelchu y Pachito en magnífico coche. Al llegar a Bilbao, se mostró muy contenta y solía preguntarme a Marcelina en intimidad, donde la enterrarían...; Marcelina, con cariño de hija, la respondía: "Ama, es pentsau olangorik" Ella contestaba: "Bai, laster

ilgo nas leta..." Y después añadía: "A mí me enterraréis ahí arriba, ¿verdad?" Y ella misma se contestaba: "Total, ahí os enterrarán también a vosotros..."

A mí me dieron la noticia el 23 en Valladolid. llamé por teléfono a Poli. Antes de media hora estaba en tren. El 24 la trajimos a Bilbao. El 25 regresé a Pamplona, porque la Madre tomaba alimento y mejoró notablemente. Estaba muy habladora, comunicativa y hasta chistosa. Le dije varias veces que no hablara, porque era peligrosísimo para ella; vino el médico, después de marcharme servidor y prohibió que hablara y que acortasen la visita, por el máximo peligro de un derrame cerebral. Sin embargo, ella quería comunicarse con todos sus hijos y nietos. La visitaron todos y con su memoria felicísima, a sus 76 años, hizo las delicias de unos y otros; porque lo chocante era en nuestra Madre su bonísimo humor y alegría, a pesar de su plena convicción de próximo fallecimiento. Tan es así, que cuando el 26 vine a Pamplona, preguntó: "José joan da?" - "Robeto dago berori eta, orregaitik joan da..." Ella contestó: "Laster etorrikoda atsera..."

Además tenía conocimiento de otra cosa: de su prolongada agonía. La tuvo, en efecto, pues duró tres días; en ellos, con ataque enorme de hemiplejía, que le interesaba la parte izquierda de la cabeza y todos sus derivados de la parte derecha, como ojo, mano, vísceras y pierna derecha, sin embargo nos hizo rezar el santo rosario, moviendo su mano izquierda, cuando acabábamos de rezar, y agitando el rosario, en señal de que lo debíamos de rezar. Así ha sido su prolongada y dolorosa agonía. Fui llamado el 27, por la noche y, a la mañana siguiente, llegaba a Bilbao. Ya no le oí palabra, más que inarticuladas, cuando, a intervalos, tenía conocimiento; éste lo conservo casi siempre, menos en ciertos ratos en que el derrame cerebral era más intenso. Su muerte. - Durante los tres días de agonía nunca soltó de su mano izquierda el santo rosario, cuyas cuentas repasaba, mientras nosotros rezábamos y la cruz, con que murió nuestra tía monja, indulgenciada con la Pleneria toties quoties. Era de ver de ver que cuando parábamos, decía, sin sentido, y le decíamos, acercando la santa Cruz (arrebataréla

de la mano, era violentarla y no la cedía, más que a pura fuerza...) "Emon mosu bat curutseri, ama" y ella daba un fervoroso beso, aun horas antes de morir... La actitud que tomaba con la santa Cruz y el rosario, el cuidado con que de vez en cuando se preocupaba del santo Escapulario del Carmen y su solicitud por buscar a tientas (se quedó sin vista) la cruz o el rosario, cuando, por cualquier motivo se le caían de la mano, era de lo más emocionante.

Las características de su muerte han sido: serenidad y alegría; clarividencia de su próxima e inmediata muerte; su promesa formal de ayudarnos a todos, desde el cielo; su delicadeza por vivir en la más pura amistad del Señor; su infatigabilidad, cuando se trataba de rezar el santo rosario o de besar la cruz. ¡qué ejemplo para sus hijos y familiares...! Y añadiré otra característica: Su muerte, tan sentida por una parte, nos ha dejado tan contentos por otra, que es para alabar al Señor.

En cuanto a su serenidad y alegría puedo contarte, que, al hablar ella de su próxima muerte y ver que lloraban sus hijos, se ponía a reír y a contar chistes e historias animadas, para consolarnos, sin duda.

Debo abreviar esta carta, porque me esperaban multitud de ocupaciones y muy urgentes, pues me estaban esperando tanto el P. Superior como el P. Aguado, para despachar asuntos urgentísimos e interesantísimos para la Congregación y, como tengo bastante destreza con la máquina, debo despacharlos antes de dos días todos ellos.

El entierro en Yurre fué de los más solemnes que se han conocido por asistir gente distinguida y gran cantidad de autos particulares. Unos por amistad directa con Poli, Mary Tere o Padrito; otros por intimidad e conmigo, como algunos diputados provinciales, etc. Lo cierto es que nuestra pobre Madre nunca se hubiera imaginado tener los funerales que ha tenido tanto en Yurre como en Bilbao, en nuestra casa de San Francisco. En ambos oficié de Preste, reteniendo ¡claro está! la interior emoción y demostrando de puertas afuera una entereza, que si llamaba la atención, sin embargo, era producto del carácter y dominio propio. He sufrido mucho, querido Juan Luis, y me he acostumbrado a sorprender mis emociones..., aunque después, en particular, aparezca mi natural extraordinariamente sensible y sentimental... ¡Hay que sorber las lagrimas

hacia dentro!

La familia se ha portado con extraordinario cariño filial.

Nuestra madre era en Yurre algo patriarcal. El vecino José Benito, que fué librando durante todo el entierro, dijo que se habían marchado de todo el barrio de San Cristóbal el respeto y el conséjo. Efectivamente, allí se hacía lo que decía Marta la de Orúe.

Pude asistir a nuestra madre durante los tres días que duró su agonía. Le hice la Recomendación del Alma ocho veces. Cuando previne el desenlace, avisé a todos diciendo: "Ahora va de veras, vamos rezar con verdadero fervor, porque, al terminar ésta, morirá sin demora". Así fué: su vida se acabó sin arcaídas ni estrépitos; con una respiración tranquila; o como lo expresa el dicho popular "con la muerte de un pa-jarito". Voló su alma al cielo...! Querido Juan Luis: tres difuntos tenemos en la familia: los dos padres y nuestro hermano Ignacio; sus muertes, si cual más santas, aunque con tres desenlaces distintos. Los tres, con avisos evidentes o presagios de muerte. Ahora...nos toca nosotros, quoniam mors non tardat...

Supongo que el fallecimiento de la Madre te habrá desanimado para ir a Roma. No dejes de venir; allí, Dios mediante, nos juntaremos allí mismo podrás conocer a varios familiares que no conoces. Son muchos los familiares nuestros que se han apuntado ya para ir a Roma. Supongo que ya habrás recibido las cartas anteriores, no insisto sobre las cosas allí expresadas.

Creo que deberías de escribir a la familia, aunque no fuera más que 20 líneas. No esperan muchas noticias; sólo esperan tu carta, por lo más que sea breve. Esperando tu venida, te abraza tu hermano,

Jose Maria Llanusa
El P. Lazcano presidió los funerales de Bilbao. Se emocionó al decir que presidía, para representar a Juan Luis y a mí. Te recuerda mucho nuestro cariño. El P. Balgáñon me pidió tus señas. La Misa del funeral de San Francisco dejó encantados a todos, por lo bien cantada. Todo esto y más te contaremos, cuando vengas. No dejes de venir, porque te necesito.

February 7, 1950.

My dear Paul:

May the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary form your soul every moment of your life into a better living copy of Christ!

Today is the Feast of St. Romualdus, the Founder of the Camalduli. Now this doubt lingers in your mind, that since the Camalduli might be as strict--or, some say, even stricter--than the Carthusians, that you should also study this order before making the final decision. Now, Paul, the Camalduli have a very famous monastery in Rome or just nearby. So, in our Claretian pilgrimage to Rome, Lourdes, Spain and Fatima, during our five days in Rome, you will visit the Camalduli and inquire then and there among them about their life. One thing about them which might be very appealing to you is that each of these monks has his own miniature monastery within the precincts of their main monastery. It seems to me that the Carthusians just have a common life throughout the whole day, while the Camalduli stay most of the day by themselves and assemble in the main monastery only for certain liturgical functions. They lead the life of a hermit within the monastic life, combining both lives. Of course their life is most quite, completely secluded from the world, and entirely devoted to contemplation.

In my previous letter I intended to speak to you about the Camalduli. Your desire to dwell in solitude in the desert where you have grown both physically and spiritually for all these years and where you would like to continue the rest of your life--this makes me think seriously that you should study both the Camalduli and the Carthusians during this pilgrimage.

In the month of May, the month devoted to the Blessed Mother, whom you have loved so much--this month of May of the Holy Year--will be the most decisive in your whole life, because you must make within it your choice of life without tarrying any longer. Now prepare yourself for it.

I want to speak to you as soon as you are able to come to Los Angeles. You see, Paul, you have been by yourself, and now that you have a spiritual director, he takes upon himself the responsibility of your soul called to the summits of sanctity, you soul, so greatly loved by God and by His Immaculate Mother.

You are going to put into effect your great ideals about desert life, about silence, perfect contemplation, a life of perfect sacrifice,

enjoying the greatest possible aloofness from the world, and, besides, with the possibilities and probabilities of becoming a Priest of God forever, to culminate all that your soul desires. Just think of it Paul. All this comes to you now during this Holy Year of 1950 and is placed right in your hands, and without any difficulties about traveling, about language, about transactions, because my confreres, the Claretians, are going to help you through all this until they place you right in the monastery, either in Rome, in the center of the Catholic Faith, in the Rome of Martyrs, in the Rome of great Saints, in the Rome of Popes, in that Eternal City where the cream of the crop of Catholicity resides, where, in the desert of the Camalduli, you will find the realization of all your dreams; or, if you prefer, with the Carthusians of Miraflores in Burgos, where the spirit of St. Bruno still lives with all its vigor and where every monk is a great saint and where you will find the famous Father Moore, the ~~former~~ Benedictine who, after being a great professor in the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a famous spiritual director, is consummating his sanctity among those monks of St. Bruno. There you will find him to be also your guide and your confessor, so that you will find one to whom you can speak in your own language about the intimate affairs of your soul.

Today, during the Holy Mass, I have asked Our Lord through the merits and mediation of St. Romualdus, to assist us in the choice of your life. This morning my memento was very, very special and many times during the Mass, so that I decided to write to you these lines letting you know my impressions and that I am most concerned about the treasury of your soul entrusted to me.

Maybe you have now a little difficulty in moving fast after being so long on your own. But this is the Holy Year which comes only every twenty-five years, and this is your Holy Year, too, my dear Paul, and the Blessed Mother in her month par excellence is going to assist you in making your final decision.

May I tell you, Paul, also, that my superiors whom I have informed about you, want to assure you of their help in all problems that may arise concerning ecclesiastical procedure and interpretation of language, etc., in placing you either with the Camalduli or with the Carthusians.

May I request from you special prayers, first, for the sanctification of my novices, and then, that we may settle soon our novitiate in its permanent place and there build a chapel as fitting as possible to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Divine Mother to whom we Claretians consecrate ourselves.

I am very happy to pray for you as my own spiritual son and to help you to prepare yourself for entering a perfect contemplative order.

Your spiritual Father in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

February 7, 1950.

My dear Paul:

After I had finished a letter to you this morning, I received your letter and another letter from my brother, Rev. Josef Mary, a Claretian priest like myself, telling me that on January 30th he attended the saintly death of my dear mother. May her virtuous soul rest in the eternal bliss of God. You, Paul, do help me also with your prayers and those of your friend John Krupa to thank God for all the graces bestowed on my dear mother and likewise thank God with all your heart and soul for depriving me of seeing my mother on earth, as I hoped I was going to this coming May after twenty-one years of absence. I bless the most merciful Hand of God for His immense goodness to us when He consoles us as when He afflicts us. Let Him be loved by us more and more every moment.

Now, answering your letter, I proposed a plan to my superiors and they approved of it. It is as follows: In order that you and John Krupa may attend the Claretian pilgrimage and see for yourselves the life of the Camalduli and the Carthusians in Rome and Spain respectively--as I explained to you a little bit in my letter of this morning, which I enclose--a powerful concern in Beverly Hills, friends of mine, promised me that they would make a good try at selling your property before May, and then you save fifty-percent for yourself and give the other fifty percent to finance the Immaculate Heart Novitiate. Our Claretian Congregation will hold your fifty-percent in safe-keeping in case you fail to persevere. But in case you do persevere and your order desires to establish a foundation during your lifetime here in America, your fifty percent will be given to the American foundation. This way you attain the aim of your life in becoming a monk, either Carthusian or Camaldulensian, and you give the same opportunity to your friend, John Krupa: you help our novitiate; and you bury your dear ones in the novitiate chapel consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and then you have half of this money for a possible foundation of your order in this country, perhaps in your desert. Besides that, my superiors will put it in writing that in even such a foundation is undertaken, they will do all they can with their moral support to help in the establishment of it, and you can take a copy of this document to Europe to show to your superiors so that maybe after your profession it will encourage them to send you with some other monks over here. This way your ideals are attained and accomplished, you help our novitiate and you will help also the order that you join. And, since you are giving half of this money to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in our novitiate, she will never be outdone in generosity; and the great purity of intention with which you act, and your great love for the Blessed Mother will be most beneficial of all on behalf of the expansion of your own order in America. Let us pray that both of us will see it.

The cost of the pilgrimage to Rome is self-explanatory on the little leaflet I enclose with this letter, and when you come to see me I will have more details. Come soon to see me and get the names and addresses of those parties that are interested in buying your oasis. The name of my broker friend is Lou Rose. His office 'phone is CRestview 6-3486. His residence 'phone is CRestview 1-0892. The address of his office is 9001 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, and the address of his home is 269 South Reeves Drive, Beverly Hills. I have spoken to him already about you, and when you come here I will present you to him.

Tell John Krupa that I will pray very much for him, and nothing will satisfy me more than to see both of you together either with the Camalduli in Rome or with the Carthusians in Burgos. And then, God willing, come back to your desert to begin an American monastery of your order.

May the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Blessed Anthony Mary Claret, St. Bruno and St. Romualdus be with us all and help us fulfil the will of God perfectly, now and afterwards.

God love you both, my dear Paul and John.

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellscuria, C.M.F.

Febrero 7, 1950.

Mis queridos hermanos Miguel y Maria y familia:

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Vuestro hermano y tio,

Juan Luis.

Febrero 10, 1950.

Carísimo Josechu,

Fiat voluntas Dei nunc et semper. Que nuestro sacrificio rinda mucha gloria para Dios y mucho bien en favor de todos nuestros allegados. Dios nos ha pedido el gran sacrificio de no tener nuestra Madre con nosotros hasta Mayo y nosotros completamente resignados se lo ofrecemos a Su Divina Bondad. Ofrezco este sacrificio por todos y cada uno de la familia por su eterna salvacion y para que particularmente tu, Josechu, y tu hermano Juan Luis seamos mejores. Hijos del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria. Recibi tu carta del 30 de Enero el 7 de Febrero. Apenas vi el sobre ya me supuse lo que contenia. Era la hora para las preces del mediodia y reze con los Novicios los Responsorios por el eterno descanso de nuestra Santa Madre, Q.E.P.D. He conservado una calma inalterable como la conserve cuando recibi la noticia de la muerte de Ignacio. He celebrado ya tres Misas cantadas por el eterno descanso de ella y ya habia celebrado dos Misas por ella los dias 6 y 7 por si ya habia fallecido. Me ofrecen abundancia de Misas por ella. Si nuestro Padre estuvo muy poco en el Purgatorio no dudamos que nuestra Madre esta ya gozando de Dios. Siento tan perfecta paz en el alma al recuerdo de nuestra Santa Madre. que me da la conviccion como tu me dices de que "nuestros padres nos han de ayudar mucho desde el cielo." En medio del intimo dolor tengo inmenso contento en ofrecer a Dios el sacrificio de no ver a mi madre ahora que despues de 21 anos ya me estaba preparando para verla. Bendito sea Dios! como tu encabezas tu carta ultima. Tengamos siempre la voluntad amantissima de Dios como nuestra unica norma.

Te supongo ahora fatigadísimo y casi agotado en tus nervios despues de haber dirigido el funeral de la madre y sobre todo por las hondisimas impresiones que recibiste con su agonía y su muerte y con la conduccion del cadaver a Yurre, y el sepelio y la despedida. Sin duda te vino otra vez con toda vividez todo lo que tuviste que hacer por Ignacio en idénticas circunstancias. Joséchu, tu has sido y eres el hombre providencial para la familia. Tu has sido un tesoro rico sobre manera. Vales un valer como dicen en Castilla. Todo esto te ha de ayudar como experiencia valiosísima en tu predicacion y en tus ministerios. Gracia especialísima para nuestra Madre tenerte a su lado en su hora postrera y no dejarla hasta que te despediste de ella en el cementerio donde espera los dias inmortales de la santa Resurreccion. Y gracia especialísima para ti. No tengo ninguna duda en asegurarte que la muerte de la madre va a ser para ti, Josechu, principio de una regeneracion de vida santa de todo en todo. Has vivido estas semanas impresiones demasiado hondas y filiales para no actuar en adelante sino como santo sacerdote, perfecto religioso, celosísimo misionero y amantísimo Hijo del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria.

He escrito a toda la familia, a las cuatro hermanos, a Francisco,

Febrero 7, 1950.

Mis queridos Anastasio, Juli y Natichu:

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a Orue y a Don Francisco Gonzalez. Pará Hipolita y Marcelina y Francisco he incluido lo siguiente "Aprovecho esta ocasion para tributar a Don Francisco Gonzalez mi mas profunda gratitud porque ha sido nuestro segundo Padre siempre noble y generoso." Pero lo he omitido para Maria y Juliana. Ya me voy a enterar en seguida sobre el precio de los Altavoces.

Siempre te he amado muy de corazon pero ahora me parece que te amo aun mucho mas. Eres Josechu todo oro finisimo. Que el Corazon Inmaculado de nuestra Divina Madre nos haga este Ana Santo copias vivas de Jesus nuestro Hermano Mayor.

Hasta la tuya y que sea pronto

Tu hermano,

Juan Luis.

Febrero 7, 1950.

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Suyo afmo,

Juan Luis.

February 11, 1950.

Dear Sister Marie Therese:

I acknowledge your remittance, and enclose the four enrollment certificates in the Pious Union of Suffrages of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

May Our Lady of Lourdes, whose feast we celebrate today, bless you and these other members of her Pious Union of Suffrages.

Sincerely in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Marie Therese,
Good Samaritan Hospital,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

February 11, 1950.

Dear Sister Imelda:

Your High Mass as well as your Low Mass received my immediate attention. Not only during these two Masses, but in all the Holy Masses, I do remember you.

Do keep on very courageously working for your sanctification, and believe now and ever in the great personal love of God for you, and remind Our Lord, too, about the nice things you did for Him in 1940.

With my best wishes for your continued success in your sanctification, I am

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,
C.M.F.

Sister Imelda,
St. Mary's Hospital,
Kankakee, Illinois.

J. M. J.

OUR LADY ACADEMY

MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

Feb 14, 1950.

Dear Father Ploysius:

Your kind letter of last September reached me at St. Mary's Hospital where I spent five weeks as a patient. You probably heard that I became ill just a week after I arrived at Manteno. I guess God saw fit to give me a little rest before taking up my work here. I did not realize I was so fatigued physically. I had much to offer Him by way of generosity but I hope, with all His tremendous graces, that I grew a little.

My strength does not return as fast as I would like but then I accept His Holy Will. He is a loving Father and oh! I love Him so!

Sister Margaret Mary told me that you are to go to Rome. I am so happy for you Father and I know you will remember all the servants of the Holy Heart of Mary during your Pilgrimage.

March 23 - This letter was started some time ago as you will see from the above date. Between taking much enforced rest and trying to get a few things done I do not get too much time to visit with my friends by way of my pen.

I learned from Mother Mary Dolores just recently that your dear Mother has been taken home to her dear God. I know how keenly you feel this great trial sent by Him and I promise you a special remembrance for your Mother in my prayers. I am enclosing some Mass stipends to be used for Masses for the repose of her soul, though I am sure she must be enjoying to the full, the Beatific Vision.

I have thought of you so often since my return to Manteno and I too would give anything to have things as they were when you were here. We don't see or hear anything about the Clarettians anymore. They have withdrawn as our Confessors and now both our Ordinary and Extraordinary Confessors are secular priests - not the most ideal situation for religious, I think. However, we have a fine Jesuit Father who comes down from Chicago for our monthly day of recollection which is a help.

The many counsels you gave me are vivid in my memory and I try to live up to the high ideals you set before me.

I am now reading "The Way of Divine Love, the life of Sister Josefa Menendez" and it is a big help to me. Are you familiar with the book? I ordered one for you but it has been

delayed. I know you will love it. She reminds me a lot of our little friend in Beauverville. Sister Josefa is so real, I feel I know her. She gives me many a "lift."

Did you know that Rev. Mother St Emily is going to Rome, too? I wouldn't it be nice if she could be there for the canonization of your saintly Founder? I do not know when she will be going.

Do you plan to come through Chicago on your way to New York? It would be good to see you.

Sister Mary Mediatrix is not too well. She is to return to Mercy Hospital some time in April.

Did you know that our Congregation was ninety years old on March 19th? I asked St Joseph to send us many vocations. If only we had more sisters!

I keep you in my prayers Father, and I beg you to have a memento in yours for me.

Please send your priestly blessing to me occasionally.

Always gratefully yours in Mary's Holy Heart,
Sister St Eugene.

2108 Sichel Street
Los Angeles, California
February 15, 1950

My dear Father -
Greetings. Since my
last visit I have been to San
Francisco twice; January 26 to
29 for the Catholic Education
Convention; February 8 to 11
for the funeral of Bishop O'Dowd.
R.I.P. He was the Pastor of
Mission Dolores, church of
my childhood days. Memories
crowded, I assure you.

Two years ago I told you of the desire for frequent confession which had been with me for very many years. Now I find this has practically disappeared to the extent that now weekly confession seems a bit frequent. What has happened, Father? I do not feel too disturbed. I do not wish to be culpable and appeal to you for advice.

I have procured "Our Lady in Our Life." Thank

you for telling me about it.

God bless you for your
many gracious courtesies.

In Jesus and Mary-

Deeply grateful

Sister M. Loree, O.P.

St. Patrick Academy
Momence, Illinois

J.M.J.

February 16, 1950.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

Your long silence has led me to believe that you were not pleased with my last letter. I regret that I did not do as you suggested but even had I been willing to do so at the time, no occasion has yet presented itself. Some weeks ago I asked Rev. Mother's permission to speak to Mother about a few matters. She asked me to wait until she came for her visitation at which time, we would do as you had suggested. She has delayed her visit and now will not come until some time in March.

Things have not gone too well with me, Father. In fact, they have gone from bad to worse. The constant struggle to submit to the present regime and the effort it cost, has had its effect upon my spiritual life as well as my health. The latter is not good at present and has not been for some time. The former is bad, very bad. I was in city last week or rather the early part of this week and I went to Father Cuthbert. I told him how things had been going. As far as relations with Mother Viator are concerned, they are better. God seems to have given me the grace to surrender, if not completely, partially at least. In regard to other things, however, practically everything I do meets with failure. There have been misunderstandings with the Sisters, with the girls, with all. Every effort seems to have met with opposition, frustration, failure. Even my spiritual exercises and my spiritual life as well, seem to have failed. I find no consolation in anything. I realize that I should not look for consolation but at times it is almost necessary. Conditions here in the house

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have continued to go badly. Our younger Sisters have suffered much and find things difficult. There is a great lack of understanding missing between them. Many of them have come to me and while I have tried to help them and make them see that God wishes complete surrender from all of us, unhappiness, criticism and fault-finding have played their part. Mother's attitude on so many questions of the house have caused much suffering to many. Some feel that Reverend Mother has waited too long to make her visitation here. As I have told you before, it is sad to see how the spirit of the house has changed since Mother St. Eugene's departure.

We had Exposition on December 31st. I spend most of the morning in the chapel. My heart was very heavy - and I prayed to my own dear mother to show me her power with God and bring some relief to the sad state in which I found myself. I had hoped as you had told me before that in future the spells of melancholy would not be so severe. This one was terrible. My prayer was answered for Father Moisant came to see us that day. I had a long talk with him. He advised complete surrender - He said that God wished something from me and would not let me alone until I had given it to Him. Things went better for awhile after that. Recently, however, they are just about as bad. As I look back over the years - it seems that everything has been a failure. I find everything so difficult. I do not have the courage to face things as I should. Father Cuthbert told me - as you, no doubt, would - that I lacked confidence - and that this was what was wrong. Have I failed Him again in this?

Rev. Mother is taking me to New York with her next week to see our Mother General before she sails for France. Were I to follow my own impulse at the present, I would ask her for release from my present duties. However, I know that you would not wish me to do this. Father Cuthbert told me to present all to Rev. Mother and accept her decision as God's will in the matter for me. I feel that this is what you

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would likewise tell me to do. If I could only believe that all of this is merely a trial sent for my purification, I think I could accept it. As it is, I cannot see it. All is so dark, so black, so completely black.

Lent is almost upon us. My resolutions ??? I hope to be able to fast; I shall do my utmost to renew and relive, if possible, my retreat resolution of abandonment to Him in all, even if it does mean failure in everything. I want peace of soul and union with Him more than anything else in the world - and this is just what I am lacking. I beg your prayers, Father, and I hope that you will write. I missed your card at Christmas time. I feel that you are displeased with me - and rightly so - yet I beg your help and your advice.

Congratulations upon the coming canonization of your saintly founder. I trust that you may be among the privileged ones of going to Rome for this occasion. You will be pleased to hear that Father McPolin spent a week here a few weeks ago giving retreats to our children; two days for the high school, two for the upper grades, and one for the lower grades. He did a very fine piece of work with the children and all were impressed with his sanctity. He received word while here that he had permission to go to Rome.

I saw Alice Harding in Chicago a few weeks ago. She is permitted to go to Church on Sundays only. She still coughs very much and is far from well. Sister Mary Mediatrix is home from Mercy Hospital and seems now to be getting along very well. She is to return to the hospital soon again for observation.

Rev. Mother and I are to leave Chicago next Tuesday on the 21st. Mother General sails on the 23rd. I wanted to write to you before this ... but just could not do so. Perhaps I have exaggerated conditions, Father; I leave that to your judgment. I beg your blessing and your prayers. I would appreciate your taking care of the enclosed Mass stipends for me.

Gratefully in Him

Sister Mary Dolores



J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,
NOTRE DAME,
INDIANA.

Feb. 16th 1958

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

I'm so happy that You will be present at the Canonization of Your Holy Founder I feel. You are being rewarded for Your fidelity toward His cause all those Years. Oh how he will shower You with blessings during the ceremonies, on You and all Your novices, Brothers, and all of the members of Your Order all over the world. May He obtain through the Immaculate Heart of Mary the Grace of final perseverance for each and every one of His devoted followers.

Father - I need not tell You my needs. They are those of my poor soul, that I may be a good religious, my one special grace I'm asking to know the Sacred Heart more intimately, love Him more ardently, and follow Him, more perfectly. Ask a blessing from the Holy Father for me I pray for Him every day. How happy You will make Your dear Mother, as well as Your fond Brother. Give him all the encouragement You can to do all he possibly can to bring back the fall away Catholics, for they are the ones that grieve the Heart of Christ most.

Bilbao a 16 de Febrero de 1950

Querido hermano mio Juan Luis.

Sirve la presente para saludarte y contestar tu angustiosa carta.

Como ya sabes nuestra querida madre ha muerto despues de haberse confesado y recibido la santa unpción.

Han sido unos dias muy angustiosos para toda la familia, que a vivido esos dias junto a ella con una gran tristeza.

Ha sido una muerte santa que és lo unico que nos puede consolar, en los tres dias de su agonía no dejó de su mano la santa cruz ni los rosarios, nos dio una lección de como debe morir un cristiano.

Asi que en Mayo no le podras ver a nuestra difunta madre, pero que se va hacer si Dios a querido que fuera asi que nuestro sacrificio sirva para glorificarle a nuestro bendicto Señor.

Que nuestra madre este en el cielo y nosotros roguemos mucho por su alma, que ella desde el cielo a de ser una gran ayuda para nosotros en esta vida, y nos conduzca por los buenos caminos, sera un nuevo angel de la guarda para nosotros.

Ha sido un golpe muy duro para nosotros, pero para ti querido hermano ha sido demasiado duro, tanto tiempo sin verla y ahora que pensabas en encontrarla besarla y charlar unos ratos con ella pero que se va hacer que sea lo que Dios quiera.

Y hasta la proxima mi querido hermano.

Vicente y Marcelina

February 20, 1950.

My dear Paul:

Your two letters received and studied by me. Likewise the letter from John W. Krupa.

Now, dear Paul, the best thing for you is to come as soon as you can to Los Angeles and I will present you to my realtor friend, Mr. Lou Rose, and you bring along with you all the data, maps, etc., on your property. I am keeping ready the photos of the same. He can take you to his office and there you can explain everything to him and his associates so that they will be able to help you to have a quick and perfect settlement. Could you get at once the addresses of those people that already were interested in buying your oasis so that they could be contacted at once.

This coming Saturday afternoon I am going to be busy. Also, the 2nd of March I will be busy the whole day. The other days I will be home.

Both of you, Paul and John, pray very much that the Blessed Mother with her Immaculate and Compassionate Heart be with you in all your doings, beginning now with the settlement of your oasis.

It comes to me that it may be possible to lease it for ten years and obtain enough money in advance for the pilgrimage. This would be the best solution to satisfy all your ideals that you have harbored in your heart all these years, because you don't sacrifice the oasis, and, after those ten years, God willing, you could come back with some other ~~monastery~~ a monastery in your oasis. Or, in case the order does not come, maybe the lease could be renewed; or, in any event the order you join will advise you what to do.

I will be praying very much for this intention, especially at the Holy Mass. You have so many dear and holy memories of your oasis and would like it eventually to be put to a holy use. By leasing it, you get your money, your sister who is sick at the sanatorium and her four fatherless children will be helped with the revenues of the least, and then, eventually, if it is the Will of God, it could be taken over by the order you join for a monastery.

My dear Paul, I am very grateful to God for having made your acquaintance and I want you to pray also very much for the one whom you have chosen as your spiritual father.

It would be so nice if you can lease the property soon and thus, without sacrificing it, help yourself for your trip to Europe and help your sister and your nephews and nieces. Since you are trying to accomplish the

Will of God so very well, I know, dear Paul, that your prayers for my Novitiate and for our future and permanent site, will be most valuable before God. And forget about helping the Claretians financially. Your prayers and your Holy Masses will bring the money that we need I am sure.

In the event the oasis cannot be leased by April 20th, don't feel too bad, because you can make your pilgrimage later without me. You already know Europe and there will be many later pilgrimages from this part of the country. So I hope to see you soon.

Extend my best regards to John Krupa, and I hope to see him soon, also. I am praying for both of you.

May God and the Blessed Mother love you both most dearly.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

J. M. J.
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AMERICAN MARTYRS CONVENT
770 SEVENTEENTH STREET
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 1950

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am writing to ask a favor. May we have a novena of Masses offered for abandoned Priests in Purgatory for a very special intention?

We have no school today due to the fact that it is Washington's Birthday. It gives us a wonderful opportunity to start Lent in a prayerful manner. Most of us are trying to make this a day of retreat. May I ask you to keep me in your prayers, Father.

February 22, 1950.

Dear Mother Mary Dolores:

Your letter of February 16th most welcomed. Your three Holy Mass intentions have received my attention.

Pardon me for my silence. It was not due to anything else but to my lack of time. I intended to write to you several times. And my not sending you a Christmas card was an oversight I regret very much; but I assure you that you are not the only one that I missed.

I hope that the trip that you are taking, Reverend Mother, to New York, will help you in many ways, especially to relieve your mind from some of your worries.

In regard to the matters of government, just speak with Reverend Mother and see what you can do with her help and guidance.

In regard to your spiritual life, be in a cheerful disposition because many times your melancholy temperament has much to do to aggravate matters. Never be sad, never depressed. Look at the cheerful and optimistic side of things. Consider the great mercy and love of God for all in general and for you in particular. Smile plenty, forcing it when it doesn't come natural. Also, many troubles come in a community on account of lack of personnel, because the work is piled up on the few sometimes above their possibilities. But in these instances one must do what one can, and that is all, in a cheerful spirit, asking Our Lord and the Blessed Mother to be with us so that we accomplish the tasks assigned by holy obedience in the manner most pleasing to the Divine Will.

Rest assured of my accustomed prayers for your sanctity, for your perfect peace of mind, for your freedom from tension, for your perfect happiness in your religious life and the fulfilment of your duties. Your resolution for Lent is to force yourself to cheerfulness on every occasion and circumstance, saying constantly that part of the Pater noster, "fiat voluntas tua, sicut in coelo et in terra--Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

I commend to your prayers the soul of my mother, who passed away to her eternal reward on January 30th at 9:00 p.m. She was assisted by my brother Claretian, Rev. Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, suffering from heart attacks, and paralyzed for those last three days on her right side with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another

city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand and the crucifix with a plenary indulgence ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~ties~~ ^{ties} that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she used to raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in a while she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force the crucifix from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss the crucifix with all her love.

I intended to see her this coming May, but Our Lord wanted from me the sacrifice and I am glad to give it to Him for all His intentions. Indeed I feel very happy to make the sacrifice of not seeing her here on earth because Our Lord wanted it this way. She promised to help us from heaven and she is doing it already, because, ever since she died--even before I knew that she was dead--I felt a great joy all around me, and the family wrote to me that, while they felt so much her death, they felt a deep peace of soul with her parting to heaven.

May this holy Lenten season, which begins today, be full of peace and happiness for you.

Thanking you for all your thoughtfulness and prayers for me,

Ever your spiritual Father in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mother Mary Dolores,
St. Patricks Academy,
Wendice, Illinois

February 23, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Dolores:

Your letter of February 15th most welcome. In answer to your question about your finding barely any matter to confess at your weekly Confession, just accuse yourself of any faults in your past life in general, or some fault of the past in particular with the greatest sorrow and detestation of every single defect, no matter how slight it be, because God is all holy and all good and all love for us and He wants us to be spotless in His presence. Continue increasing your hatred for every little fault, detesting it with the very Heart of Christ; then, with unlimited happiness go about your duties, realizing how much God has cared, is caring and will care for you as your most loving Father. Remain immersed in the goodness of God day and night.

I commend to your prayers the soul of my mother, who passed away to her eternal reward on January 30th at 9:00 p.m. She was assisted by my *Christian Brother, Rev.* Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, during which she suffered heart attacks and was paralyzed on her right side with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand and the crucifix with a plenary indulgence quoties toties that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she would raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in awhile she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force it from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss the crucifix with all her love.

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May this holy Lenten season be full of peace and happiness for
you.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Dolores, O.P.,
2108 Sichel St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

February 23, 1950.

Dear Mrs. McKean:

I received the Mass stipends for my mother. I am most thankful to you for your great thoughtfulness toward me, which I will try to repay the best I can in my mementos for you and your dear ones.

God has endowed you with a great faith to know how to carry your cross, and when it is heavy you have recourse to very intense prayer. You have gone through a lot of sufferings during your life, but all of it has been for your greater holiness, because you knew how to take it and you saw the Hand of God in all of it.

Tell Father Louis to be of good courage and to be always a very interior man and get closer and closer to God through prayer and great purity of soul. Tell also your sister, who is suffering now so much the after-effects of her ordeal in China, to continue remembering me in her prayers, as I will continue praying for her. It was such a happiness for me to visit her at St. Vincent's Hospital on her way back from China.

The Holy Masses you ordered for Mrs. Lillie Wedwideck were said faithfully on Tuesday and Wednesday, the way you asked, and I will be very happy to continue praying for her. Also will say the Mass for Mrs. Julia L'Hennre.

God love you and make you holier every day.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Alphonsine McKean,
1611 Glendon Ave.,
Los Angeles 24, Calif.

February 23, 1950.

My dear Tom:

I received your letter of February 20th with the Mass stipends. I give you my condolences on the passing of your Dad to his eternal reward. It is true what you Daddy told you in his last letter, that the spiritual condition of your children and grandchildren is due to you past folly; but also it should console you that you are doing your best to be as Christ-like as possible in your own life and in bringing Christ to your family and to others. Your prayers and holiness of life will bring Joe and the daughter that is away from God, to God sooner or later. Request prayers for this intention so that you will see the day in which they will be back.

You are at present very pleasing to God, and He in His mercy will bring everything to a happy issue.

I have visited Mr. Leonis, Sr., twice; so don't try any more to arrange our meeting. But of course you continue your contact with his son, who, confidentially, is disowned by his parents, because maybe he might be able to do something financially on behalf of our Novitiate. But at present do not mention my name to him. I will tell you more about this when I see you.

Foster more and more your love for the Blessed Mother. I am happy to know that the great revelation of Our Blessed Mother to Lucy to be revealed in 1960 is going to be revealed this year because the Blessed Mother, moved by the prayers and needs of her children, has anticipated ten years the disclosure of that great revelation, whatever it be. Let us continue praying much for each other.

I commend to your prayers the soul of my mother, who passed away to her eternal reward on January 30th at 9:00 p.m. She was assisted by my brother, ~~also a Claretian~~ ^{also a Claretian, the Reverend} Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, suffering from heart attacks, and paralyzed for those last three days on her right side with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand and the crucifix with a plenary indulgence quoties toties that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she used to raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death.

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May this Holy Lenten season be full of peace and happiness for you.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. Thomas A. O'Connor,
4935 East 60th St.,
Maywood, Calif.

February 23, 1950

Dear Mrs. Riney:

Many thanks for your letter and Mass intention, which received my promptest attention. I am always most grateful for your prayers and those of Sister Mary Aquina.

Would you tell Sister Mary Aquina about the death of my saintly mother, who passed away to her eternal reward on January 30th at 9:00 p.m. She was assisted by my brother Claretian, Rev. Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, suffering from heart attacks, and paralyzed for those last three days on her right side with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand and the crucifix with a plenary indulgence quoties toties that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she used to raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in awhile she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force it from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss the crucifix with all her love.

I intended to see her this coming March but Our Lord wanted from me the sacrifice and I am glad to give it to Him for all His intentions. Indeed I feel very happy to make the sacrifice of not seeing her here on earth because Our Lord wanted it this way. She promised to help us from heaven and she is doing it already, because ever since she died--even before I knew that she was dead--I felt a great joy all around me, and the family wrote to me that, while they felt so much her death, they felt a deep peace of soul with her parting to heaven.

May you have a very holy Holy Year.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, O.M.F.

Mrs. Gerald Riney,
St. Joseph, Kentucky.

February 23, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Mildrida:

I received your letter of February 16th with the stipend for the Holy Mass on behalf of Dr. Everett Jones.

I certainly will pray for your intentions here and on my pilgrimage to Rome. Also I will convey to my brother, Father Joseph Mary, your best wishes and reassurance of the continuance of your prayers.

I commend to your prayers the soul of my mother, who passed away to her eternal reward on January 30th at 9:00 p.m. She was assisted by my brother, ~~Charles~~ ^{Anthony} ~~Maratian~~, Rev. Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, during which she suffered heart attacks and was paralyzed on her right side with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand and the crucifix with a plenary indulgence quoties toties that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she would raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in awhile she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force it from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss the crucifix with all her love.

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May this holy Lenten season be full of peace and happiness for you.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Sister Mary Mildrida,
Sisters of the Holy Cross,
St. Mary's Convent,
Holy Cross, Indiana

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

February 23, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Giblyn:

Your letter of January 31st most welcome, and I took care of your Holy Mass and all your intentions, and I have this in my mind and heart to continue always to pray for all your intentions, especially at the Holy Mass.

Continue with your life of prayer, commending to God and to the Blessed Mother the needs of others the way you do. This shows your Christ-like charity which is so dear to God.

May you have a very happy Holy Year, and do continue also praying for me.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Emma F. Giblyn,
1331 Madison Avenue,
New York 28, N.Y.

February 23, 1950.

Rev. William Cullen, C.M.F.,
Dominguez Seminary,
18127 So. Alameda Blvd.,
Compton, Calif.

Dear Reverend Father:

Your letter of condolence was deeply appreciated and above all the assurance of your prayers, especially your memento in the Holy Mass on behalf of the eternal rest of my dear mother.

As you say so well, God's ways are different from ours. He wanted this sacrifice from me and it was my happiness to fell Him with all my heart, "Fiat voluntas Tua."

Be assured of my continued memento for you in my prayers.

Fraternally yours in C.M.,

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Cascante. Navarra. A 24 de Febrero de 1950.

R.P. Juan Luis Ella curia, C.M.F.

Mi queridísimo Juan Luis:

Recibí tus dos cartas: la que era contestación a la enfermedad de la Madre y la otra, confirmación de haber recibido la noticia de su santa muerte.

Paso contestarte brevemente:

No te preocupes de los altavoces, porque el caso era si venía por barco y desembarcabas en Bilbao, como parece haberlo anunciado el P. Emaldia. Escribí al P. Preciado que un padre de Su Comunidad vendría con un flamante coche para el Rm^o. P. General y que le acompañarían otros varios padres. Suponiendo que tú pudieras ser uno de esos padres, te escribí y, además, de parte del P. Preciado. La razón es porque en Bilbao se pueden desembarcar todos esos efectos sin permiso de importación, por disponer de amigos que en esto harían lo que han hecho en muchas ocasiones. No te preocupes ya. Es muy natural que, por el cargo que ejerces, abrevies el viaje lo posible y que, en consecuencia, viajes por avión y además, hagas el primer escalón hasta Roma. Cuando llegue el caso, se adquirirán los altavoces en España, donde pagaremos en dinero contante y sonante; de lo contrario, tampoco aquí permiten adelantar el dinero. Así que, ya sabes: por mi parte no pido absolutamente nada.

Estoy en Cascante, predicando la Cuaresma. Antes de ~~hacer~~ ayer prediqué el primer sermón sobre la muerte y el primero también después del fallecimiento de nuestra Madre... Era, asimismo, el primer sermón que se predicaba después de la Beatificación de la M. Vicenta López Vicuña. Aquí estaré hasta después de Semana Santa, si Dios quiere. Si me escribes, te basta con poner en el sobre: "P. Cuaresmero" Cascante.

La familia comenta con verdadero júbilo tu venida. Fácilmente te encontrarás en Roma con varios familiares, si Dios quiere.

Te agradezco infinito, sobre todo, tu segunda carta.

Cuando vengas por aquí, tendré el gusto de acompañarte por todas partes y charlaremos largamente y de todas nuestras cosas.

Sigue rogando al Señor y al Corazón de María por tu hermano què tanto te distingue con su cariño,

Jose Maria Llanusa
crist

Febrero 24, 1950.

Reverendo y amado Padre in Cordé Matris.

Agradezco mucho su carta en que me informa sobre el funeral de mi querida madre (q.e.p.d.) y la parte que V.R. tuvo en ello.

Mucho desearia servirle en lo que me pide, pero soy subdito. Siento mucho no poder complacerle y ciertamente es grande mi sacrificio no enviarle lo que me suplica.

Que este Año Santo lo sea de verdad para V. R. y para mi en nuestra perfecta santificacion.

Con saludos a su amado Padre Superior

De V.R. afmo. s.s. y h. in C.M.,



St. Jude Seminary Mothers' Club

Chicago, Ill
Feb-27-50

Dear Father Alcipius: -

We just learned of
your dear Mother's death, &
want to express of deep sympathy
to you.

Yesterday, was the "Mother's
Club" meeting, so I conveyed
the sad news to the Mother's
& in turn, we decided, to send
you this High Mass stipend,
so you may say the Mass
yourself.

Your Mother's soul, will
experience extra joy to have her
son offer the Holy Sacrifice
of the Mass for her!

I know, you must feel
quite sad. But know, you won't
find her, when you return

to Spain, but it must
be God's will, & you above
all, are so happy to carry
that Cross for God.

We had a lovely meeting
yesterday. - so many of the
older mothers attended & the
ones who knew you when you
guided us on.

Mr McPolin & I want to
say - how sorry we feel for you.

Please remember the
mothers club in your prayers
as I know you must be doing as
we have done so fine lately.

Sincerely, your friends,
(St. Jude's Senior Mothers Club.)
Mrs P. McPolin - Pres.

"Praised be St. Jesus, and Mary!"
St. Mary's Convent of Mercy
700 Webster Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Feast of St. Peter Damian

Dear Father Aloysius,

Accept my deep appreciation
of the very helpful spiritual
advice you so kindly sent me
in your last letter.

I am striving, in my poor,
weak way, to practice it daily.
Thank God! I feel that I am
getting closer to our Loving Lord
& His holy Mother; there is a great-
er feeling of peace than ever
before.

May I beg a continuance in
your holy prayers that I may
give dear Jesus all that He asks
during these holy days of prayer &
penance. Rest assured, your dear
name is constantly in my poor
prayers each day.

I am enclosing a money order
for Five Holy Masses, to be offered

as follows:

Mass in honor of the Loving Heart of Jesus
for the spiritual & temporal welfare of
Mr. Edward Halliday.

Holy Mass - for the spiritual & temporal
welfare of Mrs. & Mr. John Cherevka.

Holy Mass - for the spiritual guidance
of Miss Barbara Lersick.

Holy Mass - Mother of Perpetual Help -
for the relief of the sick daughter of
Mrs. Mgt. Campbell - Detroit, Mich.

Again assuring you of my
deep gratitude & asking your
blessing, I am

Sincerely yours in the Wounded Sacred
Heart of Jesus,

Sister Mary Innucciata,

R. L. M.

Please tell me what to do during
this holy season of Lent.

March 1, 1950.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mongan:

Thank you so much for supplying underclothing for our Missionaries in China. You have been very kind. Also, I am grateful to you for your condolences on the parting of my mother to her eternal reward.

Her passing was on January 30th. at 9:00 p.m., and I commend her soul to her continued prayers. She was assisted by my brother Claretian, Rev. Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, during which time she suffered heart attacks and paralysis on her right side, with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand the crucifix with a plenary indulgence toties quoties that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she would raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in a while she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force the crucifix from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss it with all her love.

I intended to see her this coming May, but Our Lord wanted this sacrifice from me and I am glad to give it to Him for all His intentions. Indeed I feel very happy to make the sacrifice of not seeing her here on earth because Our Lord wanted it this way. She promised to help us from heaven and she is doing it already, because, ever since she died--even before I knew that she was dead--I felt a great joy all around me, and the family wrote to me that, while they felt so much her death, they felt a deep peace of soul with her parting to heaven.

I am remembering all your needs and intentions in my prayers and I hope that both of you enjoy continually the perfect happiness that is yours now, as you both seek God in all the sincerity and earnestness of your souls. If mankind would understand that their happiness consists in their perfect turning to God, how ~~this would~~ simplify the problems of this complicated world!

Wishing both of you the continued blessing of God and His Blessed Mother,

Your true friend in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.

March 1, 1950.

Dear Sister Agnes Joseph:

Your letter of February 22nd most welcomed, together with your Mass intentions, that received my immediate attention.

I was indeed very happy to hear from you and believe me I keep you always present in my prayers, especially at the Holy Mass. Do continue your great earnestness for holiness. Do a lot of meditative reading as you used to, because the Holy Spirit will speak to you more distinctly every day mostly while you are reading spiritual books.

Ask the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and your dear St. Joseph to give you their meekness and humility and transform you into their own spirit. Do foster unlimited confidence in God through uninterrupted prayer and a life of divine intimacy. Remain always as calm and peaceful as possible in order that the Holy Spirit may work freely in you. Read St. Gertrude and her revelations. This charming Saint will do you a lot of good.

I thank you very much for your prayers, and please keep on praying for me.

I would like to tell you about the passing of my dear mother, and commend her, also, to your prayers. Her passing was on January 30th at 9:00 p.m., and she was assisted by my brother Claretian, Rev. Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, during which time she suffered heart attacks and paralysis on her right side, with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand and the crucifix with a plenary indulgence toties quoties that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she would raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in a while she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force it from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss it with all her love.

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May this holy Lenten season be full of peace and happiness for you.

Your spiritual Father in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Agnes Joseph,
American Martyrs Convent,
770 Seventeenth St.,
Manhattan Beach, Calif.

March 1, 1950.

My dear Paul:

Your letter dated on the Feast of St. Matthias most welcome.

I have contacted Mr. Lou Rose and given him the album of photos of the 1000 Palm Oasis. He tells me that he is going to visit you this weekend. He says that he is going to acquire thorough information by visiting the place himself. He tells me he has some friends in Palm Springs. Besides, he knows well the value of the desert land and wants to know the particulars of the springs of the oasis, etc.

Mr. Lou Rose is a very fine man without any guile. He is most honest; so you don't need to worry about him. It is enough to tell you that he is my dear friend and he wouldn't do the least thing to hurt me. So you can be sure that his dealings with you are going to be thoroughly fair and square--which is something, when you are dealing with agents. He even told me that he could be there over-night if you have lodging for him. So you speak with him freely about leasing your property or selling it the way you think best.

My greatest desire for you, Paul, is to see you either with the Camaldoli or with the Carthusians as soon as possible. It seems to me that it is either one of these two orders that are predestined for you by Almighty God. I don't think it is the Claretians, who are bound in this New World to be so very active in their ministry. I don't think it is the Trappists either for you, because they have a little too much toil in the fields. It seems to me that your life of contemplation is more fitted for a more quiet life, though the strictest, like the Camaldoli and Carthusians. That is why I am so interested in your visiting a monastery of the Camaldoli and a monastery of the Carthusians by yourself and examining and studying them on their own grounds.

I am praying very much for you, Paul, and I count so much on your prayers and intercession. You have had wonderful preparation in your desert life for seventeen years and now you are realizing more than ever the inestimable value of holy obedience. Remember the vision of that famous saint who saw the young monk, St. Dositeus, who, after five years of life in the monastery, spent mostly in the infirmary on account of ill health, deserved as great a heaven as St. Paul the Hermit because of his obedience.

Your last letter shows very definitely that the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are working fast in you. I believe you have gone these last weeks through tremendous mental suffering and all of it

was for a purpose. Our Lord has brought out of those conflicting ideas of your mind a great light demonstrating with noon-day brilliance the value of holy obedience.

My Holy Mass begins at 6:30 and finishes a little before 7:15. I feel overjoyed in praying for you during it. Continue praying for me, dear Paul, and continue praying for a permanent site for our Novitiate, because I know that God hears your prayers. Also pray with me that you may go with me to Rome. The decision of my superiors is that we are going by plane. I will give you more details of this trip later. How I wish you and John Krupa could have the money on time for it! In case it does not happen that way, it will be a great contrariety to me, a cross that I will have to bear in going without you; because I want you to see the Camaldoli and the Carthusians at once and I want them to see you too. Your visiting the Camaldoli and the Carthusians would make you take the final decision during this Holy Year and on the month devoted to the Blessed Mother, the month of May. Beg her ardently for it.

Extend my best regards to John Krupa.

I hope your interview with Lou Rose is most satisfactory.

May the Holy Spirit find always perfect freedom in your soul that nestles in the Immaculate Heart of Mary, where you must be formed a perfect living copy of Christ.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.